

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ILLEGAL CONVERSION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the illegal conversion of agricultural land is taking place in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps being taken to stop such conversion; and
- (d) the action taken against the cases filed so far, State-wise during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI)

(a) & (b) Land and its management falls under the exclusive legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the States as provided in Entry No. 18 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. Acquisition of agricultural land for non-agricultural activities for various projects is done by the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations. The data regarding acquisition of agricultural land for non-agricultural activities, is not being maintained at the Central level.

(c)&(d) The Department of Land Resources has formulated a revised National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy (NRRP), 2007, which has been published in the Gazette of India on 31st October, 2007 and has been circulated to all the Government of India Ministries/Departments and the various States/UTs for its implementation. NRRP-2007 specifies that prior to initiating the acquisition of land for a project, the appropriate Government should inter-alia, take into consideration the alternatives that will minimize the displacement of people due to the acquisition of land for the project, minimize the total area of land to be acquired for the project and minimize the acquisition of agricultural land for non-agricultural use in the project. Further the data regarding cases filed State wise for stopping conversion is not being maintained at the Central level.